(b) whether Government would consider conducting vigilance enquiry for not lifting samples of milk from trucks during the year 1988; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The information furnished by Delhi Administration is as under:—

No sample of milk was taken from trucks during the year 1988 as there was no complaint received by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration to the effect that trucks were carrying adulterated milk.

Further inadequate number of Food Inspectors and Local (Health Authorities) is also a contributory factor for not lifting samples of milk from trucks. This staff had to be deployed for their optimum utilisation based on various other priorities. However, the Department had lifted 77 samples of milk during the year 1988 from various persons engaged in sale of milk.

There is no vigilance angle involved in not lifting the samples from trucks, and, as such, there is no question of conducting any vigilance enquiry.

**Assam Gas Cracker**

2112. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Gas Cracker has been established as a techno-economically viable proposition;

(b) how does it compare with other cracker based complexes under consideration in terms of techno-economic merits; and

(c) what is the pay back period, internal rate of return and breakeven point of the following cracker-based complexes under consideration or implementation as per the records of the concerned Department—

(i) Maharashtra Gas Cracker
(ii) Auriya Gas Cracker
(iii) Haldia Petrochemical Complex (Naphtha based)
(iv) Hazira Gas Cracker
(v) Gandhar Gas Cracker
(vi) Assam Gas Cracker
(vii) Vizag Petrochemical Complex (Naphtha based)
(viii) NOCIL's (Naphtha based expansion)?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Feasibility reports received from different parties for the proposed gas cracker complex in Assam are based on various assumptions.

(c) For such mega projects, the pay back period would be in the range of 4 to 6 years, IRR in the range of 15 to 18% breakeven point in the range of 60 to 70% depending on the feedstock pricing, product mix, location etc.

**Transfer of BICP Officers**

2113. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of officers together with their designation; who were transferred from Cost Study, BICP, to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals during the last six months and the jobs assigned to them;

(b) what are the considerations which necessitated their transfers;

(c) out of these the names and details of the transfers which were effected on the orders of the Ministers of Industry Petroleum and Chemicals;

(d) whether it is a fact that these transfers are effected to serve the vested interests of some companies to the detriment of others;

(e) whether it is a fact that these officers are also empowered to draft orders on behalf of the Ministers;